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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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German Patent Publication No. DE 298 07 873 U1 was previously submitted but was not considered (as shown in the Information Disclosure Statement attached to the Office Action of November 22, 2005). Included herewith is an English translation of this document.

The Applicants respectfully request that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be officially entered into the file and that appropriate notification be made that it was considered by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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